Upward revision of freight in parcel van

3157. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that after passing of Railway Budget, 2005-06, the Government have made upward revision of freight in parcel van; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Indian Railways have been incurring huge losses in parcel services due to low rate despite very quick service by passenger carrying trains and special parcel trains. Increase has been made in the Parcel Scale rate to reduce the losses and to meet with the increased cost of service.

Special Railway Protection Squads

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to constitute Special Railway Protection Squads in view of the incidence of kidnapping in trains, capturing of trains and blowing up of railway tracks previously due to growing Naxalite influence in the areas of Bihar, Jharkhand, Orissa, Andhra Pradesh etc.

(b) whether in view of the large size of the Railways, Government would consider to have a monitoring scheme by satellite;

(c) whether Government would also consider to reduce the crowd on platforms in view of the security of the passengers; and

(d) by when a detailed scheme would be prepared in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) The Standing Committee on Railways in their 21st Report (2005-06) on Terminal Facilities in Metropolitan Cities has recommended that only genuine passengers with the restricted number of accompanying

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